Opening a canal from the Periyar to the Perumbavoor Campshed.

69. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the public of Perumbavoor have memorialised them for the opening of a canal as far as the Perumbavoor campshed from the Periyar river and putting up of a landing ghat for loading and unloading of goods; and, if so, when the memorial was received; and what steps were taken by them on the memorial?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer*): Yes; in 1923. The scheme was investigated by the P. W. Department and found to be very costly.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member whether there is any landing ghat for loading and unloading of goods at Perumbavoor?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I believe there is one.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Has the honourable member visited Perumbavoor at any time?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will he be pleased to enquire and find out whether there is sufficient landing ghat at Perumbavoor?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I shall find out.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member the cost of the canal for putting up a landing ghat at Perumbavoor?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: No estimate was prepared. The canal is only 2 miles or so in length, the construction of which will cost over a lakh of rupees.

The Alleppey-Changanachery canal.

70. *Mr. **K. Padmanabha Panickar** (*Ambal puzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length in miles of the proposed Alleppey-Changanachery canal;

(*b*) the length of the canal that has already been opened; and

(*c*) the length that remains to be opened?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) 2 miles and 818 feet.

(*b*) 4076 feet.

(*c*) 7302 feet.

Mr. K. Padmanabha Panickar: May I know the amount spent on the two miles?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I believe about Rs. 4,700.

Mr. K. Padmanabha Panickar: With regard to the answer to part (*c*), may I know whether any estimate has been prepared?

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M. G. B. E. Truscott: I believe there has.

Mr. K. Padmanabha Panickar: May I know the amount?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I do not know the exact amount; but it will cost about twenty-five thousand rupees to complete the canal excluding the cost of the land.

Construction of a building for the Perumbavoor Munsiff's Court.

71. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken by them for the construction of a suitable building for the Perumbavoor Munsiff's Court; when was the estimate for a new building for the Munsiff's Court sanctioned; and what was the amount sanctioned?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The Judicial Department has been asked to select a suitable site; the question of estimate will be taken up after the site has been finally settled.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member when the estimate was sanctioned?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I said the question of estimate will be taken up after the site is agreed upon.

President: The estimate has not been prepared according to the answer given by the member. It will be taken up after the site has been settled. That is what I heard the honourable member say.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Is it not a fact that a sum of Rs. 19,000 was sanctioned in 1914 to put up a court house at Perumbavoor?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: It is quite possible.

President: That represents the estimate; is that your point?

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Yes, Sir.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I did not hear the question.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Is it not a fact that as early as 1914 a sum of about Rs. 19,000 was sanctioned for putting up a court house at Perumbavoor?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: It may be. But as a matter of fact a new site has been ordered to be selected and the amount of the estimate will depend upon the site.

President: So that is a lump allotment.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The proposals sanctioned in 1914 or 1915 have all been dropped and a new estimate will be prepared after the site has been fixed.

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